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In re application of

Minoru SETO et al.

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METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
SECRETION OF GRANULES

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 22, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22,  
bridging page 3, as follows:

B1  
-However, the mechanism of secretion of neutrophil  
granules is not yet elucidated at present. An increase in the  
calcium concentration in neutrophils is known to be indispensable  
for secretion of granules. However, no molecules which are  
activated by an increase in the calcium concentration and induce  
granule secretion are known. Therefore, there have been no  
specific neutrophil secretion inhibitors developed so far, nor  
any genetic therapy targeting the inhibition of neutrophil  
secretion inhibitors practiced.--